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DEAR DOCTOR HENNEY 7395 01 JAN 25 AID:14

FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW I HAVE BEEN  
HIGHLIGHTING AND READING ABOUT THE  
OVERUSE OF ANTIBIOTICS AND ANTI-  
BACTERIAL AGENTS AND THE RESISTANCE  
TO THEM THAT DEVELOPS IN BACTERIA  
AS A RESULT. EVEN IF I WAS  
NOT THE PARENT OF A CHILD WITH A  
COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEM WHOSE  
LIFE COULD DEPEND AT ANY MOMENT ON  
THE AVAILABILITY OF EFFECTIVE ANTI-  
BIOTICS I WOULD STILL BE WRITING THIS  
LETTER. PHYSICIANS, IT SEEMS, ARE  
OVER PRESCRIBING ANTIBIOTICS; THE  
MEAT AND DAIRY INDUSTRIES ARE  
FEEDING HUGE QUANTITIES OF ANTI-  
BIOTICS TO HEALTHY ANIMALS FOR  
HIGHER PROFITS; THE STORE SHELVES  
ARE STACKED HIGH WITH ANTI-BACTERIAL  
THIS AND ANTI-BACTERIAL THAT.

I AM ASKING YOU TO STAND UP TO  
THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND DO  
WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE  
THESE VALUABLE MEDICAL TOOLS FOR  
THEIR HIGHEST PURPOSE. C 2911

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